

~~SECRET SPOKE~~

982023 -2-3-4920 # 0068

CATEGORY = 13

M = 413

(b) (3) 102-190

OGA

MESSAGE = 00065527

ZCZCZKZK

RR 2AA 2N 2 2A7 SSD DE

RR

84A 3262359

DE

ZKZK RR HAH DE

R 212156Z

FM DIRNSA

TO OSCAR/UNIFORM HOTEL

ZEM

~~SECRET~~ SAVIN SECTION TWO OF SEVEN

XXMM

ENP01-TD21118 2/0/VCA/R5 4-68 AVC [] KUS [] XNT/AVIA-A, OPER-A, TRNG-A/I?

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS NOTED WITHIN THE NORTH V
IETNAMESE AIR FORCE SINCE AUGUST 1964

XXCC

NOV '68

(b) (1)

(b) (3)-50 USC 403

(b) (3)-18 USC 798

(b) (3)-P.L. 86-36

DATE COMMENTS 5-7 AUG 64 36 MIG-15/17S DEPLOY FROM MENGZU, CHINA TO PHU C YEN AFLD, NVN. AUG-DEC 64 NVAF PILOTS PERFORM 800-900 SORTIES IN THE NEWLY ACQUIRED MIG A IRCAFT. THESE SORTIES CONSISTED OF PRACTICE TAKE-OFF/LANDINGS, LEVEL TURNS, CLIMB EXERCISES AND CL OUD PIERCING EXERCISES. ONE PRACTICE INTERCEPT WAS NOTED ON 26 NOV 64. MID DEC 64 17 MIG-15/17.5 DEPLOYED FROM MENGZU, CHINA TO PHUC YEN AFLD, NVN. AS OF DECEMBER 1964, THE NVAF IN-COUNTRY AOB CONSISTED OF 26 LI-2.S. 14 IL-14.S. 10-14 AN-2.S. 5 MI-1.S. 9 MI-4.S. 3 AERO-45.S. AND 53 MIG-15/17.S. EARLY 1965 NVAF PILOT TRAINING STEPPED UP TO INCLUDE AERIAL GUNNERY PRACTICE, NIGHT FLYING EXERCISES, AND GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPT (FIRST NIGHT FLYING MISSION NOTED ON 14 FEB 65. AND FIRST CONFIRMED GCI EXERCISE NOTED ON 24 FEB 65). FEB 65 U.S. STRIKE FORCES BEGIN BOMBING AIRFIELDS IN SOUTHERN NORTH VIETNAM. LATE FEB 65 MIG AIRCRAFT NOTED PERFORMING TACTICAL DEFENSIVE PATROLS NORTH OF THE 20TH PARALLEL. APRIL 65 FIRST NVAF MIG REACTION TO U.S. STRIKE FORCES OPERATING NORTH OF THE 20TH PARALLEL (ON 3 APRIL NVAF MIGS PERFORMED A FIRING PASS AGAINST A USN F8E AIRCRAFT. ON 4 APRIL 65, MIGS STRIKING FROM CLOUD COVER DOWNED TWO USAF F105.S). MAY 65 EIGHT IL-28 JET LIGHT BOMBERS WERE DELIVERED TO THE NVAF FROM THE USSR. NOTE THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF SOVIET PILOTS/ADVISORS WAS NOTED DURING THIS PERIOD. SOVIET PILOTS WERE ALSO OBSERVED FLYING AFTERBURNER EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT. PRIOR TO THIS PERIOD, CHINESE PILOT/ADVISORS PROVIDED THE TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NVAF PILOTS. JUNE 65 NVN CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC COMES TO A COMPLETE STAND- STILL AND MOST OF THE NVAF IL-14.S AND LI-2 AIRCRAFT DEPLOY TO YUNNANI, CHINA. SOVIET PILOTED IL-28 BOMBERS NOTED IN TRAINING/CHECKOUT FLIGHTS. (FIRST IN-COUNTRY IL-28 FLIGHT NOTED ON 5 JUNE 65). 20 JUNE 65 FIRST MIG-15/17 LOST DURING AN AERIAL ENGAGEMENT WITH A1H5. JUNE-JULY 65 20-25 SORTIES PERFORMED BY SOVIET PILOTED IL-28 BOMBERS IN NORTH VIETNAM. 13 JULY 65 12 NVAF PILOTED IL-28 BOMBER SORTIES NOTED ORIGINATING FROM PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. SORTIES CONSISTED OF ROUTINE FLIGHT TRAINING PROCEDURES. MID JULY 65 INTENSIVE DAY/NIGHT GCI PRACTICE UNDER SOVIET PILOT/ADVISOR AND GROUND CONTROLLERS. IL-28 BOMBERS NOTED ACTING AS TARGETS FOR THE FIGHTER GCI EXERCISES. NOTE FROM 13 JULY - 11 OCT 65, A TOTAL OF 96 IL-28 BOMBER SORTIES OVER A 19 DAY PERIOD WERE PERFORMED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

~~SECRET SPOKE~~

(b) (3)-P.L. 86-36

chronos
pg 2

early he Harris

#0068
Rt +

~~SECRET SPOKE~~

ONLY. JULY 65 NVAF MIG TACTIC OBSERVED THE MIGS WOULD ORBIT AN AREA AND WAIT FOR THE STRIKE AIRCRAFT TO DEPART. BY THAT TIME THE STRIKE AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF FUEL LEFT, AND THEREFORE, HESITATED TO ENGAGE THE MIGS IN ANY EXTENDED COMBAT. THE MIGS WOULD SIMPLY FOLLOW THE HOSTILES AND AWAIT A CHANCE TO STRIKE. 10 JULY 65 WITH A F4C MIGCAP FLIGHT SCRAMBLING 20 MINUTES LATER THAN NORMAL, THE MIGCAP WAS AWAITING THE MIGS WITH A GOOD SUPPLY OF FUEL REMAINING. AS A RESULT TWO MIGS WERE SHOT DOWN DURING AN ENGAGEMENT, AND THE NVAF MIGS MADE NO FURTHER ENCOUNTERS WITH THE U.S. STRIKE FORCES UNTIL OCTOBER 65. SEPT 65 MIG-15/17.5 DEPLOY FROM PHUC YEN AIRFIELD TO KEP AIRFIELD. OCT-NOV 65 NEW MIG TACTIC NOTED PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS TACTIC WAS TO PLACE THE MIGS IN A THREATENING POSITION IN AN EFFORT TO FORCE THE STRIKE AIRCRAFT TO EITHER ABORT THEIR MISSION OR JETTISON THEIR ORDNANCES. XXHH 900 NNNN

~~SECRET SPOKE~~